

with G. Washington 6<sup>th</sup> (20)

	York	Laurel
1776		
Aug. By am <sup>t</sup> bro <sup>d</sup> forward £200	—	2676-7-9
Oct 9 By Cash from the Pay <sup>r</sup>		
Master Gen <sup>l</sup> 1000 Dec	—	300 —
	£200 —	2976-7-9
York C <sup>ur</sup> T. rec <sup>d</sup> . to Laurel	.50 —	.150 —
Amount of the money rec <sup>d</sup> . from the Public in the Years 1775 & 6		3126-7-9
By Bal <sup>l</sup> . due G. Washington & carr <sup>d</sup> to acc <sup>t</sup> for 1777 *		599 19 11
		£3726 7 8

\* This Ball<sup>d</sup>. arises from the Expenditure of my private purse. — From which (as doth appear from the dates of the public debits against me) my outfit to take the Command of the Army at Cambridge — The Expences of the Journey thither — and disbursements for some time afterwards, were borne. — I brought money which I brought to, and rec<sup>d</sup>. at Philadelphia while there as a Delegate to Congress, in May & June 1775

G. Washington

## Washington's Revolutionary War Account Book in His Own Hand

When George Washington was chosen by the Continental Congress to be Commander-In-Chief of the American Armies, he stated that he would accept no payment but that he would keep an exact account of his expenses. So accurate were Washington's accounts (June 1776 to 1783) that a later audit showed, out of more than \$160,000, a discrepancy of "89-90 of one dollar." The account contains a series of payments for espionage, although Washington kept secret the names of his agents. It also lists such items as "To Barber at Sundry times - 5 pounds 10 shillings." The double account columns were caused by the difference in the currency of the various colonies and "lawful" or coin currency.